

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
  - an engaging layer including an adhesive for engaging the support device to the tissues;
  - a surface layer;
  - a support layer positioned between the engaging layer and surface layer; and
  - a carrier layer releasably mounted to the surface layer.
2. The support device according to claim 1 further comprising a release liner releasably attached to the adhesive of the engaging layer.
3. The support device according to claim 2 wherein the release liner comprises a first lateral piece, a second lateral piece, and an intermediate piece.
4. The support device according to claim 1 configured to include:
  - a transverse axis having a transverse dimension;
  - a center longitudinal axis having a center longitudinal dimension, the center longitudinal axis being orthogonal to the transverse axis and the center longitudinal axis bisects the transverse axis;
  - a first and second lateral longitudinal dimension on opposing sides of the center longitudinal dimension;

- the center longitudinal dimension greater than the first and second lateral longitudinal dimensions;
- the surface layer on opposing sides of the transverse axis being mirror images of one another.

5. A support device according to claim 4 wherein the surface layer on opposing sides of the longitudinal axis are mirror images of one another.
6. A support device according to claim 1 wherein the support layer includes at least two lift members.
7. A support device according to claim 1 wherein the support layer includes at least three lift members.
8. A support device according to claim 7 having an engagement extension extending laterally beyond the lift members.
9. A support device according to claim 4 wherein the support device is bilaterally symmetrical across both of the transverse and longitudinal axes.
10. A support device according to claim 1 wherein the surface layer is a dark color.
11. A support device according to claim 1 wherein the carrier layer includes a rostral extension.

12. A support device according to claim 11 wherein the rostral extension is an alignment guide.
13. A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- an engaging layer including an adhesive for attaching the support device to the tissues;
  - a surface layer;
  - a support layer positioned between the engaging layer and surface layer; and
  - a release liner releasably attached to the adhesive layer, the release liner comprising a first lateral piece, a second lateral piece, and an intermediate piece.
14. A support device according to claim 13 further comprising a carrier layer releasably mounted to the surface layer.
15. A support device according to claim 13 wherein the support layer includes at least two lift members.
16. A support device according to claim 13 having an engagement extension extending laterally beyond the lift members.

17. A support device according to claim 13 configured to include:
- a first side piece for engaging a first lateral vestibular wall overlying a first nasal passage, the first side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a first rostral–poll dimension;
  - a second side piece for engaging a second lateral vestibular wall overlying a second nasal passage, the second side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a second rostral–poll dimension;
  - a midline region including an intersection of the first and second side pieces, the midline region having a rostral end, a caudal end and a midline region rostral–poll dimension that is greater than either of the first rostral–poll dimension and the second rostral poll dimension.
18. A support device according to claim 13 wherein the support device is configured to fit the nose of a horse.
19. A support device according to claim 13 wherein the surface layer is a dark color.
20. A support device for supporting tissues overlying a first and second nasal passage, the support device comprising:
- an engaging layer including an adhesive for attaching the support device to the tissues;
  - a surface layer;
  - a support layer positioned between the engaging layer and surface layer;
- and

– the surface layer is a dark color.

21. A method for facilitating air flow through the nasal passages of an animal, the method comprising supporting a caudal apex region of a vestibular wall overlying the nasal passages of the animal.